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Bisbee Mountain Fire Demobilized

The Bisbee Mountain fire near Kettle Falls, Washington, is now 100% contained. Demobilization of statewide fire resources began at 4:00 p.m. on September 13, 2006, with the release of structural firefighting equipment.

State fire assistance began on September 9, 2006, when fire department officials reported a 300 acre fire that was being wind driven and threatening 40 homes. Mobilization of statewide fire resources lasted 4 days to support structural fire protection efforts by local fire agencies.

The fire grew to 485 acres and continues to burn in timber and wilderness areas. The firefighting efforts included 306 personnel, 24 engines, 10 water tenders, and 6 dozers. Wildland firefighters and equipment from local, state and federal agencies will remain on the scene to continue wildland firefighting efforts and mop up.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions and structures are threatened.

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